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Liquors and Articles

From Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands (1512-AB50)

Washington--The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) is considering the revision and recodification of the regulations regarding liquors and articles (hereinafter "alcoholic products") which are brought into the United States from Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands. The purpose of the proposed revision/recodification is to update and simplify the regulations in 27 CFR Part 250 and to reissue those regulations as part of the same chapter. ATF is issuing this advance notice to solicit comments on its proposal to eliminate application and transaction forms required to be submitted by persons who bring alcoholic products into the United States from Puerto Rico.

Comments are also being solicited on proposals to coordinate with the U.S. Customs Service to reduce duplicate efforts involving shipments of merchandise from Puerto Rico to the United States. ATF would also like to receive comments regarding other suggestions for reducing or eliminating unnecessary regulatory burdens on proprietors in both Puerto Rico and the United States while continuing to provide adequate protection to the revenue.

Written comments must be received on or before 90 days from date of publication in the Federal Register. Comments must be addressed to:

Chief, Wine, Beer, and Spirits Regulations Branch

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

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For further information, see today's Federal Register or contact the Office of Public Information at (202) 927-8500.